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Letter dated 8 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, Wlodzimierz Cimoszewicz, addressed to the President of the Security Council and concerning Poland's response to the appeal contained in Security Council resolution 1483 (2003) to assist the Iraqi people in rebuilding their country politically and economically (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could arrange for the circulation of the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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1. Responding to the appeal contained in Security Council resolution 1483 (2003) to assist the people of Iraq in their efforts to reform their institutions and rebuild their country and to contribute to conditions of security and stability in Iraq, and fulfilling the commitments assumed under the framework of the Coalition Provisional Authority, the Republic of Poland has decided to dispatch its stability forces (both military and an adequate civilian component) and lead a multinational division of stability forces, deployed in the central-south sector of Iraq, consisting of the provinces of al-Qadisiyah, an-Najaf, Karbala, Wasit and Babilon. That deployment commenced officially on 3 September 2003.

2. The purpose of the actions at hand, taken jointly with the Coalition Provisional Authority and the International Coordinating Committee, and in cooperation with the Iraqi Governing Council and with representatives of the local community and Iraqi non-governmental organizations, as well as with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General within his independent responsibilities, is the establishment of foundations of security and stability conducive to the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Iraq, including in particular the creation of conditions in which the Iraqi people can freely determine their own future.

3. In its statement of 15 July 2003, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland welcomed the establishment of the Governing Council in Iraq as a major step towards a new and democratic Iraqi State, a task in which Poland wishes to assist.

4. Apart from the aforementioned tasks in the creation in Iraq of conditions of security and stability, Poland will provide, pursuant to resolution 1483 (2003), assistance to Iraq in social, economic and political reconstruction, including the creation of foundations for the respect of universally recognized human rights, good governance, as well as the protection of its territorial integrity and its full sovereignty over the natural resources.

5. These measures will be pursued in full respect of Iraq's ethnic, cultural and religious identity and also with a view to ensuring the protection of its rich cultural heritage.

6. Given the current situation in Iraq and willing to demonstrate its solidarity with the people of Iraq, Poland decided to respond constructively to Security Council resolution 1483 (2003) so as to accelerate the transfer of responsibility for the future of their own country to the interim Iraqi authorities.

7. Poland, as a country undergoing successfully its own transformation, stands ready to share its rich experience in this regard with the people of Iraq. The traditional friendship between the peoples of Poland and Iraq was an important factor motivating Poland's decision.

8. The Republic of Poland believes that resolution 1500 (2003), as recently adopted by the Security Council, in which the Council reaffirmed the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iraq, welcomed the establishment of the broadly representative Governing Council of Iraq and established the United Nations

Assistance Mission for Iraq, represents an important step in achieving the objectives of resolution 1483 (2003).

9. At the same time, the Republic of Poland firmly declares itself in support of elaborating such arrangements as might create the conditions for the entire international community to bear the responsibility and costs in the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Iraq. Those arrangements would help Iraq assume, as soon as possible, a dignified place among the nations of the world, one which it fully deserves on account of its rich civilizational heritage, the intellectual capabilities and potential of the Iraqi people, as well as the country's natural resources. The United Nations should be given a vital role to play under such arrangements.

10. Poland considers the recent terrorist assault against the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad as an attack against the entire international community. In response, all nations of the world should tighten their cooperation in the struggle against threats to international peace and security, including international terrorism.

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(Signed) W. **Cimoszewicz**